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**Chapters 6-15 Reading Guide Questions.**

1. On page 24, Crash asks Mr. & Mrs. Webb if they're poor. Reread this section. How does Crash seem to define "wealth"? Mr. Webb says he thinks his family is sort of rich—how do you think *he* would define wealth?
2. Do you pity Penn, or admire him? Why?
3. Do you pity Crash, or admire him? Why?
4. On page 27, Crash extends his bullying to affect Penn's whole family. What does he do, and why do you think he's doing that?
5. How much time has passed between "Then" (Chapters 1-8) and "Now" (Chapter 9)?
6. What characteristics does Mike have that seem especially intriguing to Crash? (What do they have in common that seems to make them such good friends so quickly?)
7. Which character can you relate to the most? And why? Refer to an example from the story to explain.
8. Compare (similarities) and contrast (differences) between the way Penn was raised (or seems to be raised) and the way that Crash seems to be raised. Note specific examples—come up with at least 2 of each (2 differences & 2 similarities).
9. Chapter 12. Who is Eric Schultz? Why doesn't Crash seem to care about what Eric thinks? (How does this conversation help to define Crash's character?)
10. "Gender roles" refers to expectations, duties, or hobbies that are stereotypically associated with one gender (male or female) more than the other. Crash's mom mentions this directly on page 47
11. Examine the interactions and conversation between Crash and his dad on page 47. Does it seem like Mr. Coogan is doing anything to teach his kids NOT to be bullies? Explain your answer—refer to an example from the book.
12. Chapter 15: Explain what happened with the mustard packet. How did each character respond: Crash, Penn, the new girl?

